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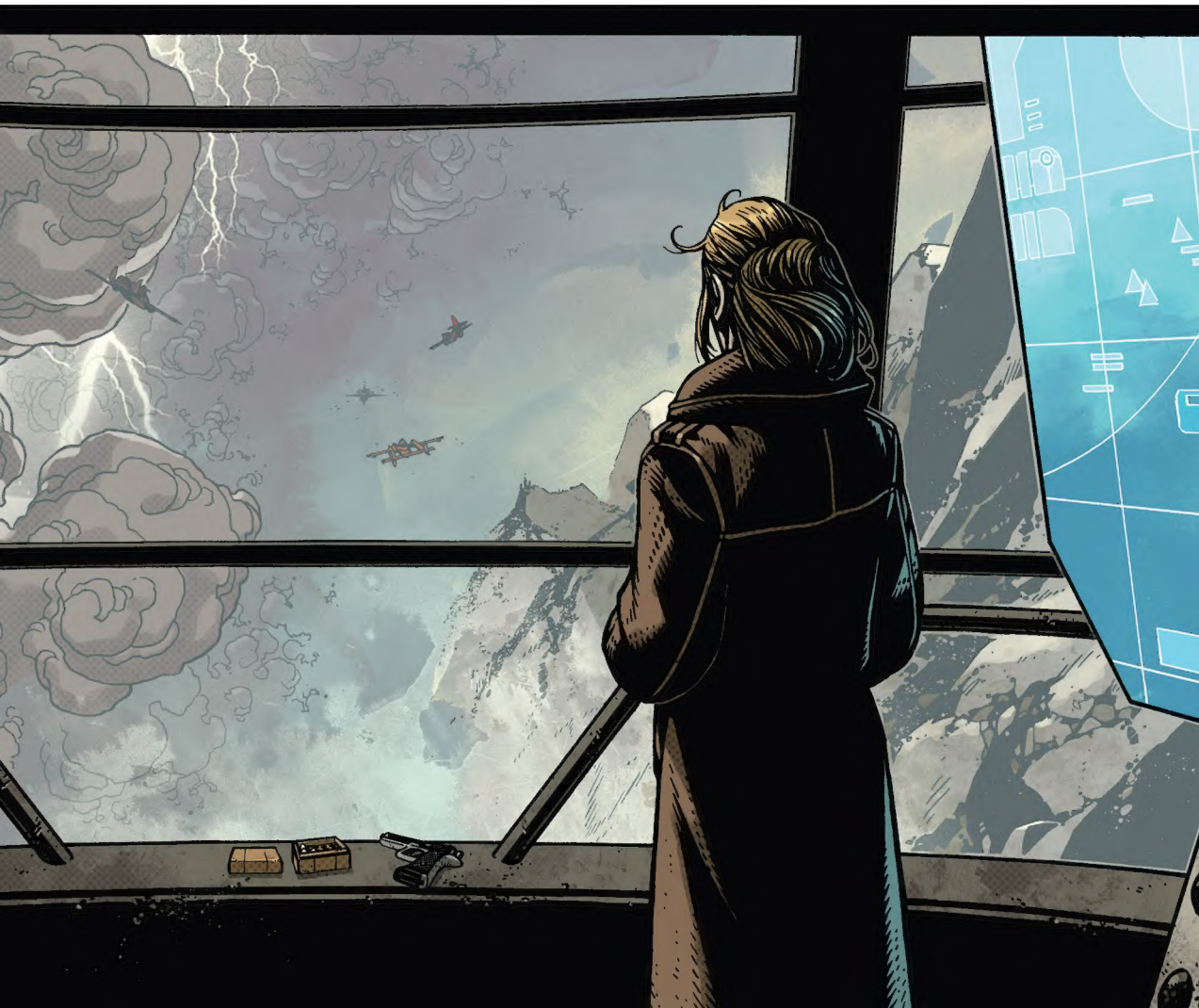
CHAPTER FIVE



COLA, BRICK, COVER BIG COLA.
KEEP THOSE WRAITHS OFF OF HIM.
HE HAS THE THUMPER IN BACK.
GOT IT.
COPY.
BC, YOU AND ALTON USE YOUR THUMPER TO TAKE DOWN AS MANY BOARDING CRAFT AS YOU CAN.
IS SHE NUTS?
WE'LL BE LUCKY TO MAKE A DENT IN THEIR ARMOR PLATING.
SCRAM ONLY SCROUNGED SEVEN SHELLS, NOT A HUNDRED, BC.
I'LL GET YOU CLOSE, SON. YOU JUST MAKE THE SHOT.
SCRAM AND TUG, RIDE IN TIGHT. DON'T WASTE ANY OF YOUR BURN.
JET IN AT YOUR CLOSEST BOARDING OPPORTUNITY.
BOUNCE FROM TARGET TO TARGET. TEAR THEM UP AS MUCH AS YOU CAN.

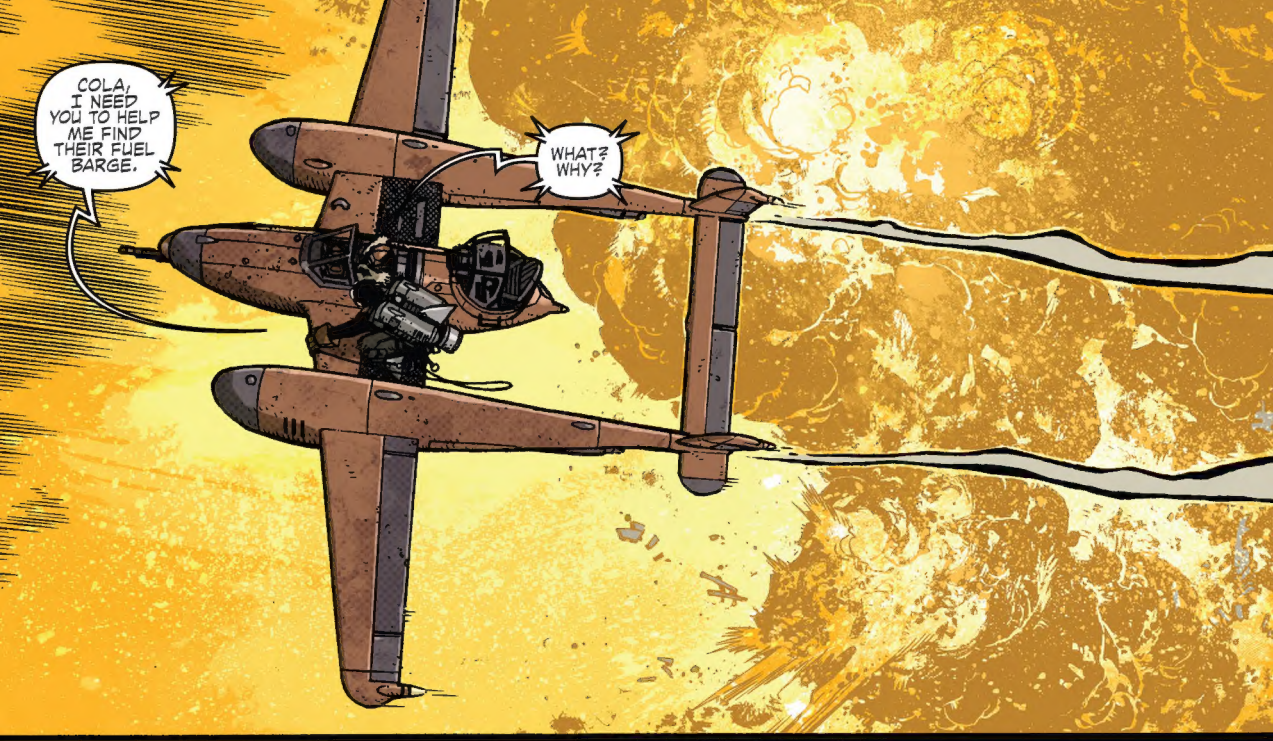
LACE, YOU SWEEP THE DECK.
EVERYONE ELSE AT THE BARRICADE, STAY BACK.
MAKE THEM COME TO YOU.
BOTTLE NECK THEM IN THAT ENTRANCE-WAY.
YOU STAY HIDDEN INSIDE AND WATCH OUT FOR YOUR BROTHER UNTIL WE'RE DONE.
YES, MOM.

NEIL, CALL OUT TARGETS FROM THE NEST. KEEP LACE SAFE.
ALWAYS.

EVERYONE ELSE, YOU KNOW YOUR JOBS. COME OUT WHEN CALLED.
IF WE CAN GET CLEAR OF THE MOUNTAINS AND THAT FLEET WE HAVE A CHANCE.
REMEMBER, THEY WANT THE SHIP INTACT BUT COULD CARE LESS ABOUT US.

WE'LL BE FIGHTING CLOSE.
POSSIBLY HAND TO HAND.
KILL ANYONE WHO STEPS FOOT ON THE DAWN WHO ISN'T FAMILY.

STAY ALIVE. WE'LL SURVIVE THIS TOGETHER.


COLA, I NEED YOU TO HELP ME FIND THEIR FUEL BARGE.
WHAT? WHY?

THE JUDGE HAS DEVOTED A LOT OF AIR POWER TO THIS FIGHT.
ALMOST ALL OF IT FROM WHAT I CAN TELL.
EVEN IF WE SURVIVE THIS, THE JUDGE WILL NEVER STOP.

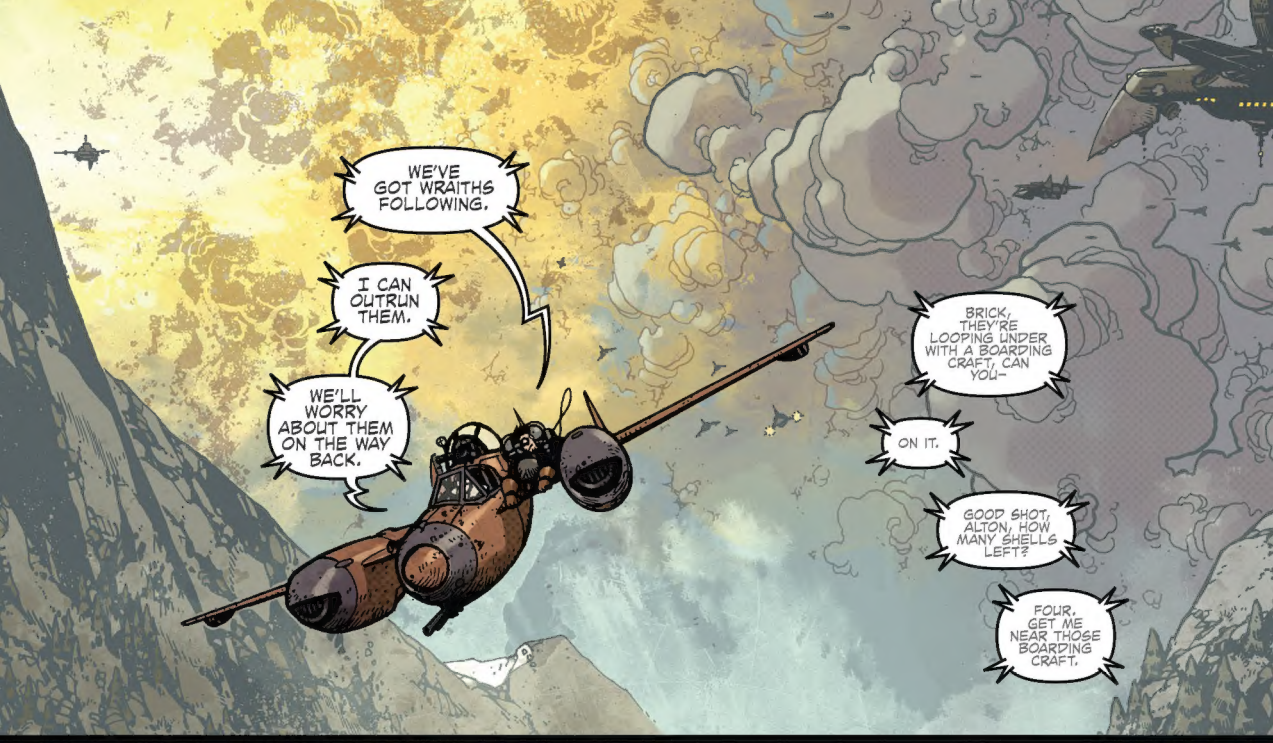
THEIR FUEL IS RUNNING DRY. THAT'S WHY HE WANTS THE DAWN.
I CAN FIND THEIR *FUEL TANKER.* COLA, I CAN TAKE IT OUT.

WITHOUT HIS FUEL HE CAN'T FOLLOW US.
MOM, DID YOU HEAR THAT?

WE ALL HEARD, COLA.

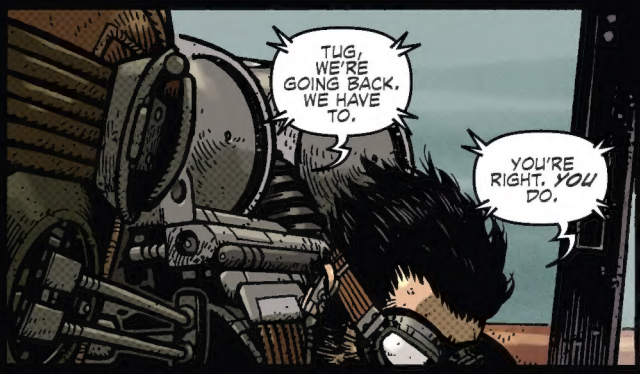
THOM
WE WON'T LAST FIVE SECONDS UNLESS WE STAY TOGETHER. WE ALL KNOW THAT.
IT'S HOW WE'VE ALWAYS SURVIVED BEFORE.
ARE WE SERIOUSLY LISTENING TO THE GUY THAT GOT US INTO THIS MESS?
WOULDN'T BE BACK FLYING WITHOUT HIM, BRICK.
HE'S UP HERE FIGHTING WITH US.
IT'S TIME WE TRUSTED EACH OTHER.
ALL OF US.
GO, COLA.
HURRY BACK.
I WILL.
EXECUTIONER.
THIS IS WRAITH 6.
WE'VE GOT AN AIRCRAFT DISENGAGING.

THE LAST TIME I SAW THE DAWN WAS THROUGH A CRIMSON-SMEARED WINDSHIELD AS HER STARLIGHT ENGINES DRAGGED HER AWAY FROM ME.
MY DEAD ABANDONED COMRADES LITTERED HER DECK.
MY SHREDDED BODY AND BROKEN WRAITH, ALL THAT REMAINED OF THE WAR FOR HER POSSESSION.
WE ARE INHERITORS OF A WORLD BURNING WITH AN INEXTINGUISHABLE FIRE.
TODAY WE WILL RISE ABOVE THOSE FLAMES FOR GOOD, DR. STEPHENS.
ONCE WE POSSESS THE DAWN, OUR PEOPLE, THE CHOSEN FEW, WILL LIVE ON FOREVER ABOARD HER, SPENDING ETERNITY FLOATING HIGH ABOVE THIS RUINED WORLD.
TELL THE ASSAULT TEAM TO NOT UNDERESTIMATE THEM, LODGE.
SO THIS IS WHAT THE FRONT LINES LOOK LIKE?
IT'S SO QUIET.
IT'S HORRIFYING.
AND BEAUTIFUL.
SIR, SORRY TO INTERRUPT. OUR SCOUTS ARE REPORTING IN.
THE DAWN HAS THREE BIRDS IN THE AIR. TWO JETPACKERS. ASSORTED SMALL ARMS ON THE DECK.
A BOGIE IS RABBITING. TOWARDS US.
A DESERTER PERHAPS?
NOT LIKELY.
THIS IS... UNEXPECTED. THEY FLEW IN PERFECT UNISON DURING OUR PREVIOUS BATTLE.
WE HAVE NO WRAITHS IN RESERVE, MINUS YOURS OF COURSE.
OUR ANTI-AIRCRAFT MAY HIT THEM BUT IF THEY DON'T THAT ONE CRAFT COULD FEASIBLY DO SOME DAMAGE.
DEVOTE FIVE WRAITHS.
NO MORE.
WHATEVER THEY ARE DOING, IT WILL NOT DETER US.

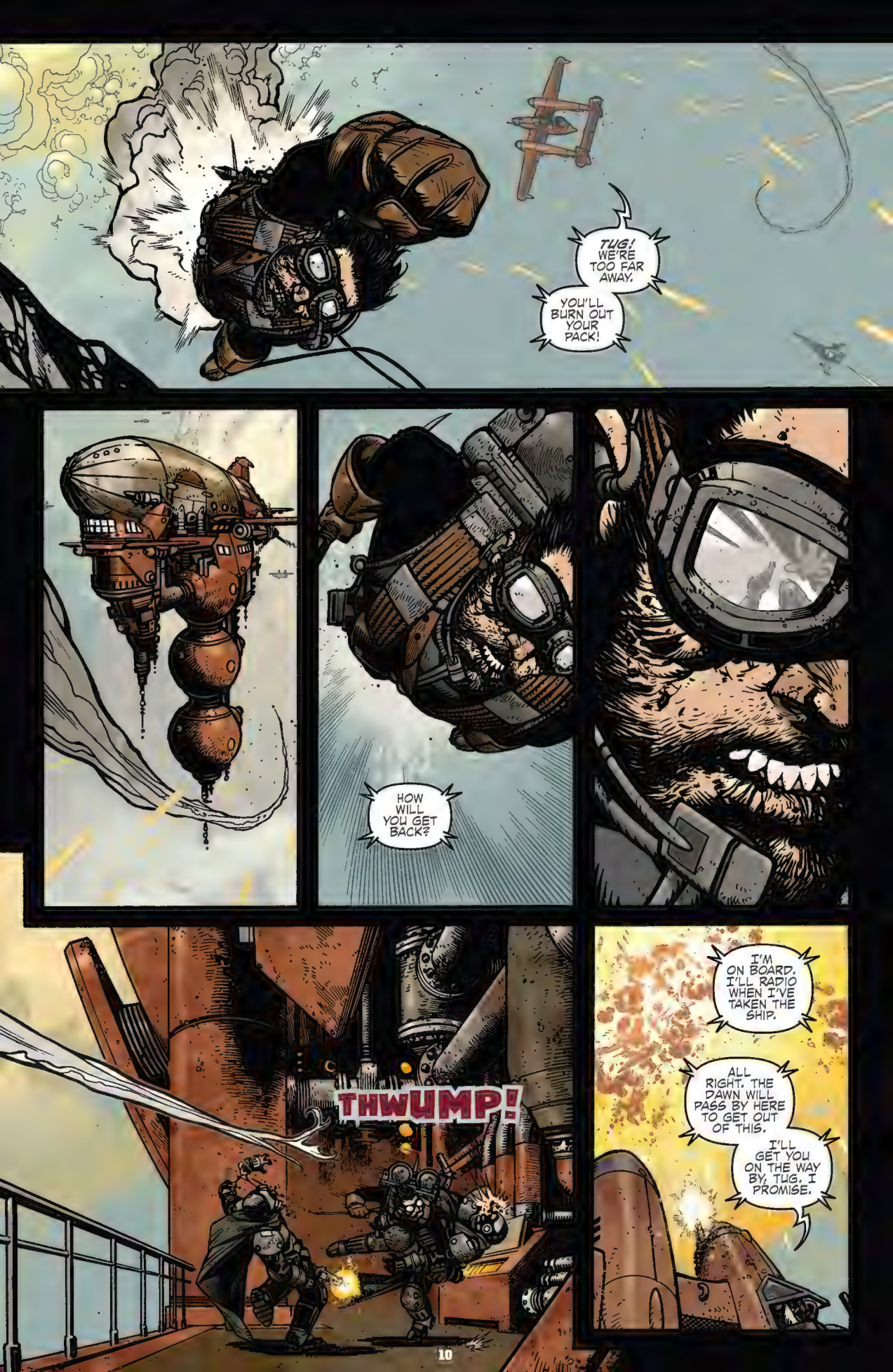

WE'VE GOT WRAITHS FOLLOWING.
I CAN OUTRUN THEM.
WE'LL WORRY ABOUT THEM ON THE WAY BACK.
BRICK, THEY'RE LOOPING UNDER WITH A BOARDING CRAFT, CAN YOU–
ON IT.
GOOD SHOT, ALTON, HOW MANY SHELLS LEFT?
FOUR. GET ME NEAR THOSE BOARDING CRAFT.

BRICK, GET BACK TO BC. HE'S PICKED UP BOGEYS.
I CAN'T. MULTIPLES TRYING TO BOARD BELOW.
THERE IT IS.
COLA? ETA ON YOUR RETURN?
TARGET'S IN OUR SIGHTS.

THEN I HAVE TO DROP HIM OFF, DESTROY THE BARGE, AND WE'LL BE BACK.
NOT SURE WE HAVE THAT KIND OF TIME.


TUG, WE'RE GOING BACK. WE HAVE TO.
YOU'RE RIGHT. *YOU* DO.

NO TIME TO HESITATE, COLA.


TUG! WE'RE TOO FAR AWAY.
YOU'LL BURN OUT YOUR PACK!
HOW WILL YOU GET BACK?
THWUMP!
I'M ON BOARD. I'LL RADIO WHEN I'VE TAKEN THE SHIP.
ALL RIGHT. THE DAWN WILL PASS BY HERE TO GET OUT OF THIS.
I'LL GET YOU ON THE WAY BY, TUG. I PROMISE.

BOARDING PARTY ALPHA AND CHARLIE WERE DESTROYED BEFORE LANDING. BRAVO UNLOADED 7 OF HER CREW. DELTA IS MAKING HER APPROACH.
SHOULD WE DISCUSS A BARRAGE TO SLOW HER DOWN? PERHAPS JUST TO SCARE HER. THEY WILL BE PASSING US SHORTLY.
NO, LODGE. WE CAN'T CHANCE IT.
SHE'S USELESS TO OUR CAUSE DAMAGED.
SIR, THE MISSING PLANE ELUDED US. THERE HAS BEEN GUNFIRE REPORTED ON THE FUEL BARGE.
SURELY SECURITY CAN HANDLE IT.
ALL MAJOR SECURITY DETAILS HAVE BEEN DEVOTED TO THE BOARDING PARTIES.
WE ARE RUNNING GHOST CREWS ON MOST NON-ESSENTIAL MILITARY VESSELS.
THEY TARGETED OUR FUEL BARGE. HOW?
OUR SPY. HE HAS FOUND A NEW HOME.
RE-DIRECT RESERVE BOARDING PARTY ECHO BACK TO THE FUEL SHIP.
THEY WILL NOT BE IN TIME, BUT WE HAVE TO TRY TO STOP THE TRAITOR.
THEN FUEL MY WRAITH. LOAD HER FULL OF AMMO.
I WILL LEAD THE NEXT WAVE AND TAKE THE DAWN MYSELF.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
THE COMMANDER OF THE DAWN HAS LAUNCHED A COUNTER ATTACK.
I DID NOT CONSIDER THAT.
AND BECAUSE THEY KNOW OUR WEAKNESS THERE WILL BE NO SECOND CHANCE FOR US.

I HAVE TO TAKE THEM NOW.

LODGE, IF THE BARGE IS LOST AND THE DAWN EVADES US I WANT YOU TO REGROUP AND RATION FUEL.
TO ASSURE CONTINUITY OF COMMAND WHILE I AM GONE, YOU WILL TRANSFER THE FLEET INTO THE HANDS OF DR. STEPHENS.
SIR?
WHAT?
LT. LODGE

SARAH, IF WE LOSE THE FUEL BARGE AND I DO NOT RETURN WITH THE DAWN, WE WILL HAVE CEASED TO BE A MILITARY OPERATION.
WE WILL BE A REFUGEE CAMP.

PERHAPS *PRIMUM NON NOCERE* WILL SAVE SOME OF THESE POOR SOULS.

GOODBYE.

HAVING AN ISSUE HERE, OLIVIA.
NO.
CAN YOU LAND IT?
NOT GOING TO GET THAT CHANCE. SORRY, HON.
YOU KEEP FIGHTING LIKE YOU ALWAYS DO.
I CAN'T WITHOUT YOU.
I'M SORRY FOR--
DON'T SAY THAT. I WOULDN'T CHANGE ANY OF IT.
TAKE CARE OF OUR GIRL, OKAY?

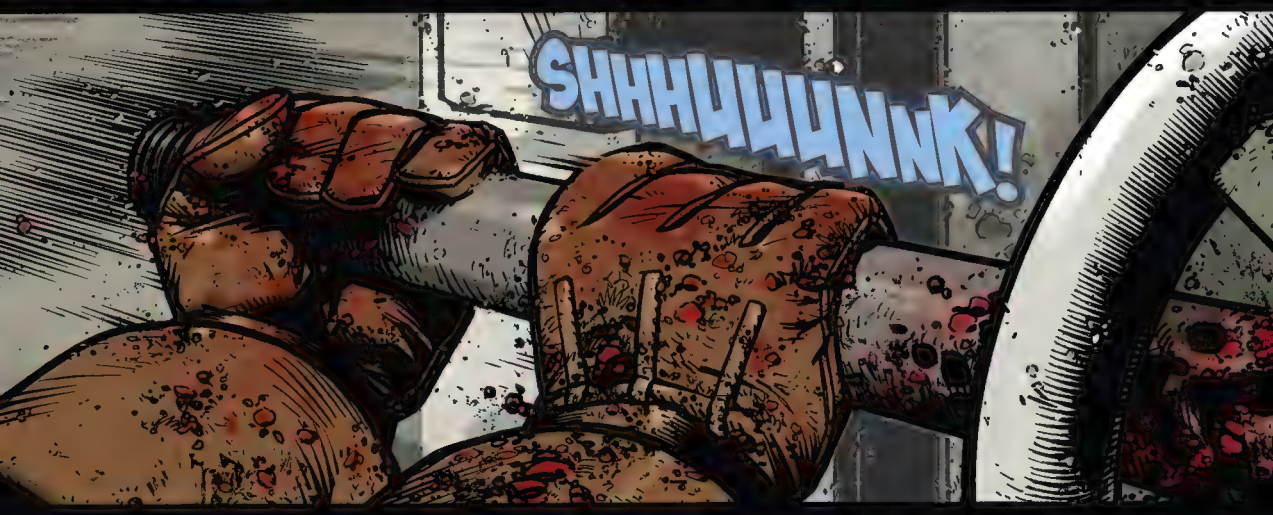
THUMP!
SMASH!
FFWWOOOOM!

THANK GOD.
SCRAM, NO TIME TO REST. I NEED YOU AND BC TO MOVE TO THE BARRICADE.
TWO BOARDING PARTIES COMING YOUR WAY. THE CLOSEST HAS SIX MEN.
YOU GO REINFORCE THE OTHERS AT THE BARRICADE, BC.
MAYBE RELOAD THIS PACK IF YOU'VE GOT THE TIME.
WAIT. WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
YOU CAN'T GO ALONE.
HE CAN AND HE WILL.
YOU KNOW THE RULES.
WE HOLD THE LINE HERE.
SCRAM WREAKS HAVOC OUT THERE.

WELCOME TO THE DAWN, BROTHERS.

BRICK? WE NEED YOU.
A FULL ASSAULT TEAM HAS REACHED THE BARRICADE.
CAN YOU RAZE THE DECK?
IN A BIT OF A SPAT, COMMAND. THESE WRAITHS JUST KEEP MULTIPLYING UP HERE.
BREAK OFF NOW. GET HOME.
LOOPING BACK. FIFTEEN SECONDS.
BRICK'S NOT GOING TO GET HERE IN TIME, LACE.
THIS IS IT.
WAIT FOR THEM TO BREACH AND THEN TEAR THEM UP!
BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA
COLA!
ROOF!
COLA AND BRICK, UPDATE ON YOUR STATUS.
I'M STILL FLYING. BARELY.
LOST A GOOD BIT OF THRUST DUSTING THOSE WRAITHS AND GETTING BACK HERE. HOVER'S STILL SOLID.
I'M IN THE GREEN ON AMMO AND FUEL.
WHAT ABOUT TUG?
BRICK, YOU FLY ESCORT. WE MIGHT BREAK CLEAR HERE.
COLA, GIVE US ONE MORE PASS ON THE DECK.

CLANG!
IF HE'S STILL ALIVE, COLA, WE'LL SEND YOU AND SCRAM BACK TO PULL HIM OUT OF THERE.


SHHHUUUNNK!

TooM
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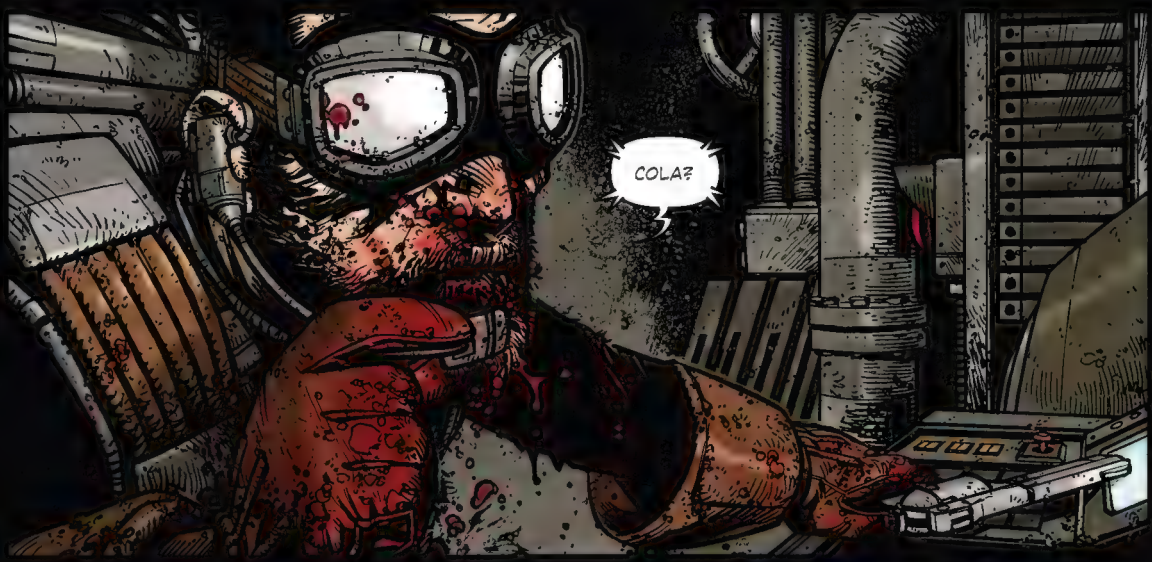
HE'S IN THERE! HE JAMMED IT.
GET A TORCH! NOW!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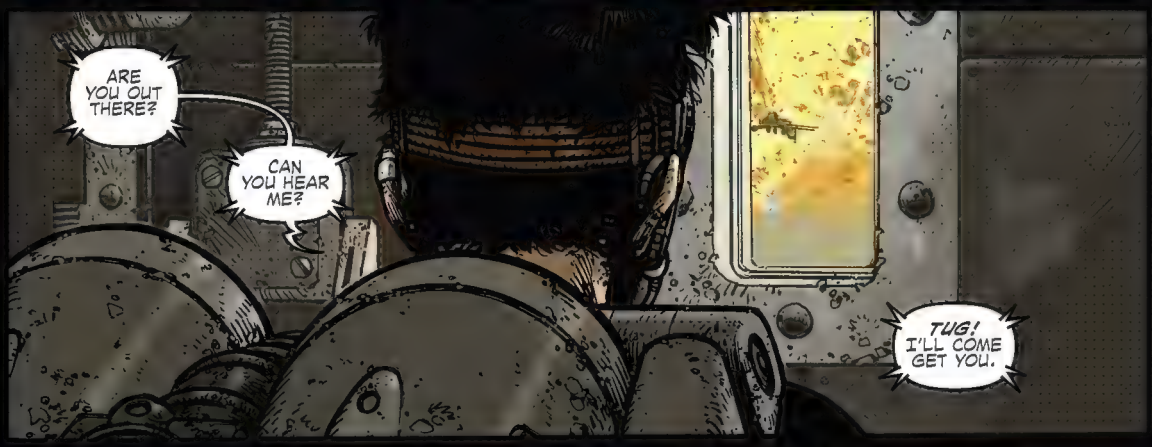
ARE YOU OUT THERE?
CAN YOU HEAR ME?
TUG! I'LL COME GET YOU.

NOT GOING TO HAPPEN.
-NNFF-
THEY'RE GOING TO CUT THEIR WAY IN SOON.

JUST ENOUGH.

I HAVE TAKEN THE SHIP.
TELL SCRAM HE WAS RIGHT.
IT WAS RIGHTEOUS.

WAIT, TUG. LET ME FIGURE THIS OUT.
I CAN SAVE YOU.
NO. YOU'RE ALMOST CLEAR.
AND YOU WOULDN'T MAKE IT BEFORE THEY CUT THEIR WAY IN.
THIS IS MY PART TO FINISH.

DON'T GIVE UP ON US, TUG.
THIS ISN'T GIVING UP.
THIS IS MAKING SURE YOU ALL SURVIVE.
TUG...
I'M TAKING MY MIC OFF NOW, COLA.
IF I KEEP TALKING WITH YOU I'LL LOSE MY NERVE.
DON'T YOU *DARE* DO THAT!
I'M COMING RIGHT NOW!

I LEARNED THIS TRICK FROM YOU THE FIRST DAY WE MET, COLA.
TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF.
TUG, DON'T.
I LOVE YOU.
DON'T GO.
GOODBYE, COLA.
BLAM!
TINK

END CHAPTER FIVE

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Deep and groovy ruminations from IDW's Man of Marketing, Dirk Wood

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If you grew up like I did, in the crisis-crossover-craziness of the Eighties, then you are living in just the right era to read IDW comics, because the *Super Secret Crisis War* is just getting cooking! *Samurai Jack, Ben 10, Dexter's Laboratory*, and the *Powerpuff Girls* find themselves trapped, in the second issue from **Louise Simonson** and **Derek Charm**... and also check out the first of five tie-in one-shots featuring *Johnny Bravo*! All your favorite Cartoon Network characters are together for the first time, in the most insane crossover you've ever seen!

But if you think that's the only place to get a fix of cosmic madness this month,

you're nuts! **Tom Scioli** and **John Barber** are upping the cosmic ante with *Transformers VS. G.I. JOE*! It's a space war, and G.I. JOE is on the front lines, but when the Transformers arrive, will their version of "peace" match our own?

So, put on your space goggles, hop on your hover board, and glide on over to your local comic shop!

—Dirk Wood
Cosmic Marketing Guy

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My Little Pony #21
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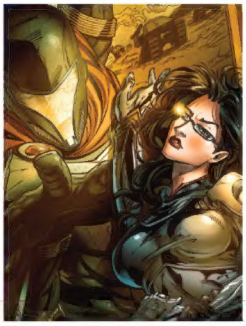

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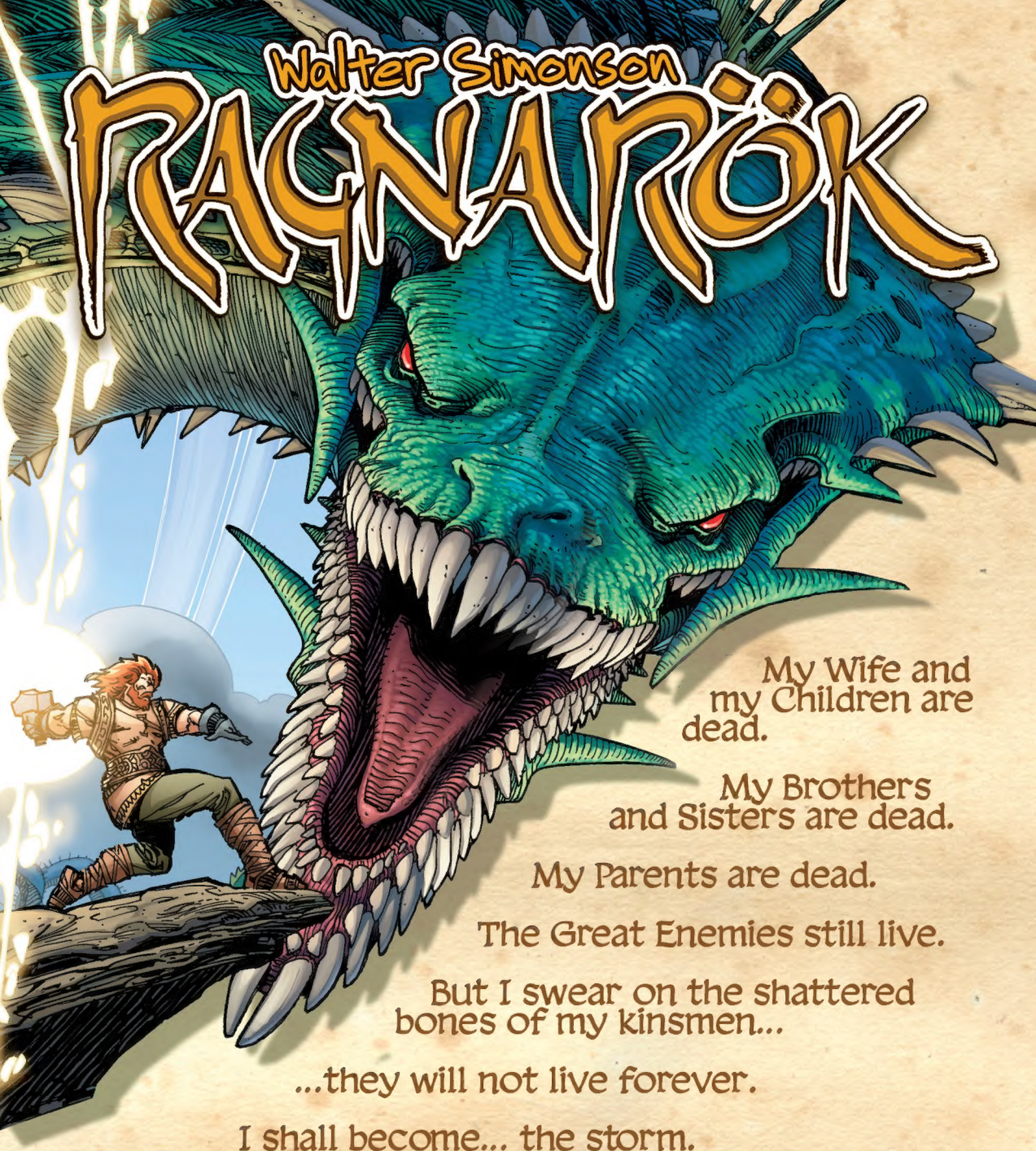
MONSTER MOTORS

Brian Lynch and **Nick Roche**, who have separately built huge audiences through their work on *Angel* and the *Transformers*, combine for this tale of creepy awesomeness featuring a vampire car, a monster truck unlike anything that's come before, and more souped-up, supernatural creature-cars than you've ever seen in one comic. And wait'll you meet...iGOR!"



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